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## **CLAIMS**

- 1. A portable welder, comprising a box-like body (11) that contains a welding generator (12) functionally connected to an electrode supporting clamp (17), to a ground clamp (20) and to an electric power supply system, said portable welder (10) being characterized in that a handle (16) for gripping and orienting said welder (10) protrudes from said box-like body (11), said electrode supporting clamp (17) being rigidly coupled to said handle (16).
- 2. The welder according to claim 1, characterized in that said handle (16) cantilevers out from said box-like body (11), said electrode supporting clamp (17) being arranged on the free end of said handle (16).
  - 3. The welder according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that said electrode supporting clamp (17) comprises a jaw constituted by said handle (16) and a second jaw pivoted to said handle (16).

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- 4. The welder according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that said welding generator (12) comprises an insulated AC/DC converter (24) associated with an EMC filter (25).
- 5. The welder according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that said welding generator is associated with cooling means (13).
  - 6. The welder according to claim 5, characterized in that said cooling means (13) comprise a motorized fan (14), which is fixed to said body (11) at an intake (15), a corresponding outlet (15a) for the cooling air stream being formed in said body (11).
  - 7. The welder according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that a switch (23) for switching the functions of the welder (10) is functionally associated with said welding generator (12) and is arranged externally on said box-like body (11).
    - 8. The welder according to one or more of claims 1 to 6, characterized

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in that a switch (23) for switching the functions of the welder (10) is functionally associated with said welding generator (12) and is arranged externally on said handle (16).